

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1  
Eastern Division**

Brian Willis

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:17–cv–03297

Honorable Steven C. Seeger

Tarry Williams, et al.

Defendant.

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**NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY**

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, December 14, 2023:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: On December 13, 2023, counsel emailed the Courtroom Deputy and announced that the "parties reached an agreement to settle the case." Counsel attached a stipulation and proposed stipulation order. The parties must file a notice of a settlement in principle on the public docket. Under Rule 41(a), there are several ways to dismiss a case after a settlement. Sometimes a plaintiff can file a notice of dismissal (unilaterally). Or, the parties can dismiss a case by filing a stipulation of dismissal, which is self-effectuating (meaning that there is no need for an order). Or, the parties can file a motion for dismissal, which is less desirable because it requires a step from the Court. But the route that the parties selected, meaning a stipulation of dismissal plus an order of dismissal, isn't a thing. The Court directs the parties to promptly file a stipulation of dismissal after they have signed the settlement agreement. Based on the representation that the parties have reached a settlement in principle, the complaint is hereby dismissed without prejudice. The dismissal shall automatically convert to a dismissal with prejudice unless a party seeks and obtains relief from the Court by April 11, 2024. The complaint is dismissed. The trial date is vacated, and so are all deadlines. The case is closed. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice(jjr, )

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